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BELGIUM.

*Report from Antwerp.*ANTWERP, BELGIUM, *February 19, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the health of this port continues good. Considering that the temperature for the past month and one-half has ranged between a maximum of 11.4° C., and a minimum of 8.3° C., with an absolute humidity averaging over 95 per cent during the same time, it is remarkable that the death rate has not exceeded 18 per thousand annually.

The number of emigrants leaving this port for the United States is the largest yet recorded for this season of the year. The steamship *Friesland* had every berth available for steerage passengers occupied when she sailed on the 17th instant and about 50 were detained for the next steamer. One passenger detained one week before because of suspected malignant disease of the jaw, was allowed to sail. The others were in apparent good health. Their baggage was not inspected and was put aboard the boat without any stamp.

Respectfully,

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BRAZIL.

*Report from Rio de Janeiro—Plague, yellow fever, and hydrophobia.**Plague.*RIO DE JANEIRO, *January 29, 1900.*

SIR: No new case of plague has occurred at Rio de Janeiro. As since the appearance of those 2 cases twenty days have passed, the quarantine against Rio de Janeiro was raised on the 27th, as I wired to you on the 28th.

Santos, since November 28 no case of plague has been observed. Of the 2 patients who remained in the isolation hospital, as I stated in my report, 1 has been discharged. The last patient is the pharmacist, who is convalescent.

The quarantine against Santos would also have been raised, were it not the fact that there was unrestrained intercourse between Sao Paulo and Santos, and on this account sufficient precautions could not be taken.

At Sao Paulo there occurred a new case of plague on January 23. Of the former patients some few have already been discharged and all the others are doing very well.

The bacteriologists of Sao Paulo sent preparations of their material for examination to Paris and Berlin. Both by Metschnikoff and Roux, of the Institute Pasteur, and by the German Reichsgesundheitsamtes, the statement of the bacilli of plague has been recognized as correct.

Sanitary report from Rio de Janeiro.

I have the honor to transmit to you the official sanitary report for the week ended January 19: There were 298 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 3, as compared with the foregoing week; 7 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, a decrease of 1; 6 deaths from yellow fever, a decrease of 1; 29 deaths from smallpox, an increase of 6; 3 deaths from